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Dear Loy:

Attached is check for $10.10 to bolster the fund for trip west. Guess Doc's signature is good for that much, Hi.

It's a long story, but here are the highlights. Last Dec. the club ran a 10 meter QSO contest. Perhaps you saw reference to it in QST - it was a success. W9NY took first honors, and unfortunately was chairman of the contest committee. I declined the post several times stating my reason as the fact that I would be the high man (Kid Confidence), but finally let myself be talked into it.

Well, after doing all the work on top of the contest itself, I didn't feel like being bashful about taking the first prize. So I gave myself a $9.10 credit at Radio Parts Co. Well, two of the malcontents who never did anything for the club came in second and third. The second prize was a 10 ampere Weston thermocouple meter; the third a fountain ~~pen~~ pen donated by Don (I donated the R.F. meter) as well as several filter condensers and some other things each. All contestants got a prize (about 18 of 'em).

Well, a couple of weeks later the Board of Directors of the M.R.A.C. received a letter from the second prize winner, stating that the contest was crooked, that the man who managed it was crooked, that all prizes except the first were worthless (He stated the value of the meter he won as less than $3.00, maybe $1.50 dont remember, also that the fountain pen third prize was without any value) and threatened to wite a letter to every ham in Milw. County and expose the crooks responsible. He also said that as I was an Hon. Member and didn't pay any dues, I shouldn't be grafting prizes off the rest of the poor boys (Even mentioned my job and everything).

Well, you can imagine how disgusted I was. I got my credit at Radio Parts and returned it to the Club. I also made out an application for regular member and handed it to the Sec. with 1.00 dues. Doc. Rosenbaum has been trying to get me to take it back for a year now, and have told him several times in great detail just what he could do with it. Well, last week got a very nice letter from Sec. Wood, asking me to reconsider my decision, and affirming the faith of the majority of the members

and of the Board in me. So to settle the matter, I have taken the check and given it to you. So somebody got something out of the contest except hard feelings. For heavens sake, dont you go squaking to the B.D's that it was a gyp.

Notice you haven't got the papers to go west yet. Regarding the rest of the dough, it is next to impossible to get money out of people under present conditions for something that might happen. Most of the boys have little enough to go around. When you get the clearance papers and are ready to sail, and have to have it - then I'll get it for you.

Thanks for various epistles passed along. Will fill up this envelope with what I can. See my pal Goorisich doesnt remember me, Hi. What's the low down on Johnson - Rafferty tie-up? Got a letter from Fritz Schoenwolf last week. See he's in business making radio equipment. Said he might come up to Milw. over the week end, but didn't see him. Gang here maintaining the status quo- as Fred would say. The old sky wire piled down in the gale we had this week - 5:45 a.m. Was like a drowned rat for a while until we strung up a spare that was all ready. Swell job, though, total darkness, one flashlight, had to run a wire over five buildings down the block, blowing and raining like hell, with a little snow for good measure. Nobody has squacked yet, although we were throwing bricks on the end of a rope over roofs, climbing around peoples roofs and porches,etc. and had to break one family out of bed to get out on roof. At that, we were back on the air in less than two hours after she parted - still in total darkness. Got the old one all overhauled and back in service now. Can still climb poles and towers with the best of 'em (The OW doesnt like it)

By the way, the missus suggested the way out of my jam at the Club.

Well, will sign now, CUL and 73.